



Milwaukee County

Board of Supervisors

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RESULTS OF TODAY'S MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted a 2007 Budget at its Annual Meeting this morning. Contact me if you need any roll calls or more information on these specific items.

The board voted:

- Unanimously to create a Division of Employee Benefits, including a Director of Employee Benefits, in the Department of Administrative Services, to manage rising regional health care costs, offset by a decrease in Medicare Part B premiums.
- Unanimously to restore \$250,000 of funding to The Milwaukee Art Museum, while reinstating 5% cuts to cultural organization budgets. The funds are being offset by an increase in 2007 revenue expected from Potawatomi Casino.
- 17-2 to restore 72 Facility Worker and Facility Security positions cut from the Department of Public Works-Facilities Management, rather than outsourcing those services to private firms.
- 18-1 to restore 20 skilled trades positions in the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, rather than contracting the work.
- 16-3 to preserve county pools slated for closure, including 29 wading pools.
- 17-2 to remove capital improvement funding for 14 splash pads and pavilions, and using the funds for park building maintenance needs
- 13-6 to keep Grobschmidt pool open from 11am to 7pm, while changing admission fees.
- 17-2 to deny abolishment of 58 Park Maintenance Worker and one Horticulturist positions.
- 15-4 to increase general obligation bonding by \$990,000 for ice rink repairs at Wilson Park Recreation Center.
- 17-2 for capital improvements at Brown Deer, Dretzka, Oakwood, Whitnall, and Grant golf courses
- 13-6 to cut increases on passes for MCTS bus riders.
- 15-4 to decrease pay cuts to the Managing Director and Deputy Director of MCTS.
- 18-1 to increase contributions to the Milwaukee County Employees Retirement System by a lower amount than proposed in the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Budget.

- 17-2 to lower the reserve fund in the Litigation Reserve Account by \$50,000, to \$200,000.
- 14-5 to restore six positions in the County's Information Management Services Division, partially offset by rebidding network connectivity contracts.
- 16-4 to deny the creation of one Economic Development Specialist in the Department of Administrative Services – Economic and Community Development.
- 17-2 to restore 31 positions in the Sheriff's Department, including 29 Deputies, one Sergeant, and one Deputy Sheriff Captain. Also restores cuts in the District Attorney's budget and Court bailiff services.
- Unanimously to restore the Deputy County Clerk position, and three positions in the Department of Child Support.
- Unanimously to provide \$160,000 to Fighting Back, Inc. for AODA prevention services and \$70,000 to the Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin for health and social services. Funds administered by the Department of Health and Human Services – Behavioral Health Division.
- 17-2 to restore some of the skilled labor cuts made in the Department of Public Works-Facilities Management.
- 17-2 to continue the farm and fish hatchery operations at the House of Correction. Restores three correctional officers agriculture, fully offset by an increase in the personal services lump sum reduction.
- 12-7 to abolish one Machinist positions, and create one Locksmith position in the House of Correction
- Unanimously to create a position of Assistant Medical Examiner, offset by reduction in contractual services.
- Unanimously to deny the abolishment of two Occupational Therapy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services – Behavioral Health Division.
- Unanimously to budget \$50,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a master housing plan for people with mental health issue or other disabilities
- 15-4 to restore funding for the 2-1-1 line.
- 19-0 to restore most of the funding to the Youth Sports Authority, administered through the Department of Health and Human Services Delinquency and Court Services Division.
- 12-7 to deny abolishment of 10 Economic Support Specialists in the Department of Health and Human Services – Economic Support Division
- 18-1 denying an ownership transfer of Bender Park from Milwaukee County to the City of Oak Creek.
- 11-8 to provide \$60,000 for airport staff to attend training and workshops.
- 19-0 to restore one Airport Engineer position.
- 13-6 to deny outsourcing and abolishing of Parts Tech positions in the Department of Public Works – Fleet Management

The County Board approved all but one of the amendments passed by the Finance and Audit Committee. Total expenditures for 2007 are \$1,282,118,657. With today's approved amendments, the 2007 tax levy would be \$241,047,846, an increase of 3.64% over the 2006 levy of \$232,592,517. The state-imposed cap on tax levy increases is 4.2%.

The Board adopted the amended version of the budget, and the 2007 tax levy, by a vote of 14-5.

Supervisors who voted in favor of adopting the 2007 County Tax Levy and Budget:

Gerry Broderick
Toni Clark
Elizabeth Coggs-Jones
Lynne DeBruin
Marina Dimitrijevic
Lee Holloway
Willie Johnson, Jr.
Michael Mayo, Sr.
Ryan McCue
Richard Nyclewicz, Jr.
Roger Quindel
John Weishan
Peggy West
James White

Supervisors who voted against:

Mark Borkowski
Paul Cesarz
Dan Devine
Joseph Rice
James “Luigi” Schmitt

The County Board will consider any vetoes from the County Executive, as it relates to the 2007 Budget, Wednesday, November 15th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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